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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William Falk on 6/11/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 7 line 2 deletes the word "-type".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 1-9 are allowed because the prior art neither shows nor teaches a trailer alignment/connection apparatus comprising: a pivot arm assembly pivotally connected between the transfer tube of the motion transfer assembly and the tow vehicle, wherein the rotation of the crank of the motion transfer assembly moves the female coupling on the trailer into alignment with the tow ball and in combination with other elements recited. Claim 10 is allowed because the prior art neither shows nor teaches a method of aligning and securing a female coupling on a trailer with a tow ball connected to a tow vehicle, wherein the method comprising the steps of: connecting a pivot arm assembly between the transfer tube of motion transfer assembly and the tow vehicle and rotating the crank of the motion transfer assembly to move the female coupling on the trailer into alignment with the tow ball and in combination with other steps recited.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony H. Winner whose telephone number is (703) 306-5957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 6:00pm.
- 4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris, can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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